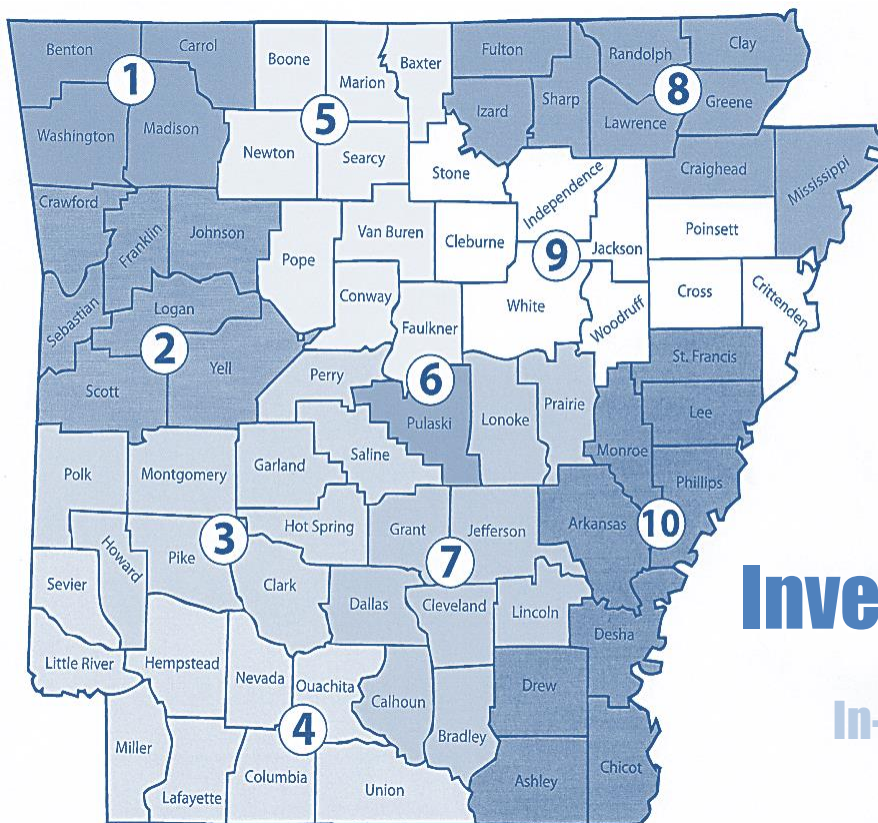


QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

3rd QUARTER SFY 2020

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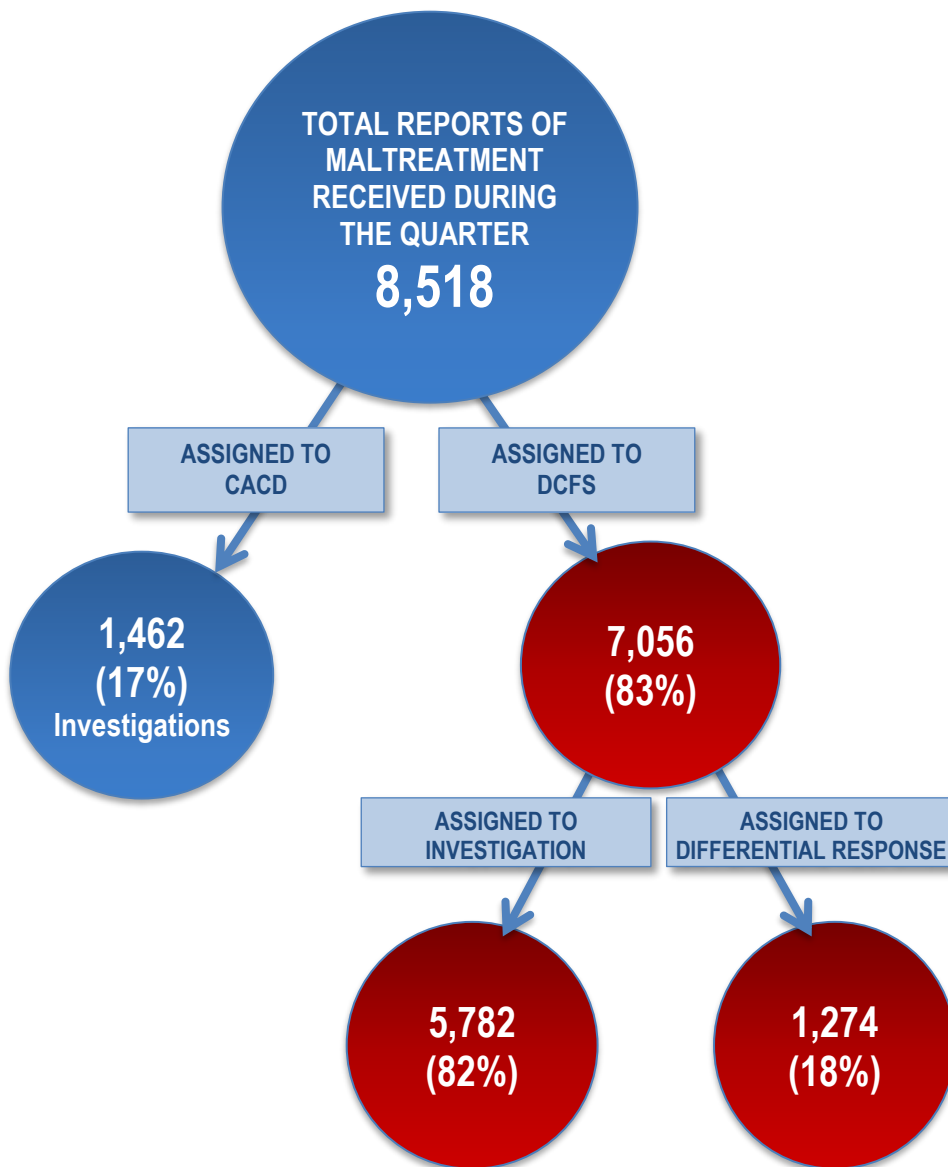
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Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports
Maltreatment Reports Received During
3rd Quarter SFY 2020



Of the 8,518 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 83 percent were assigned to DCFS and 17 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 82 percent were assigned for an investigation and 18 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, or Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

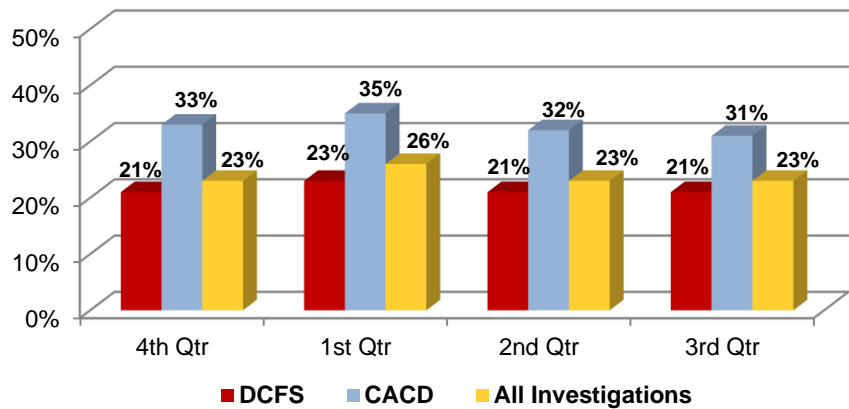
Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-one percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the third quarter were found true, compared to 31 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 23 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true in the most recent quarter.

Percentage of Investigations Found True



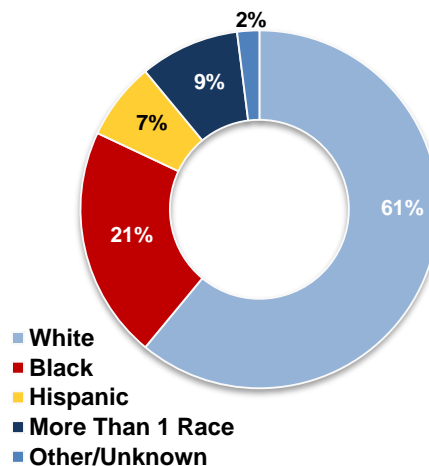
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,254 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

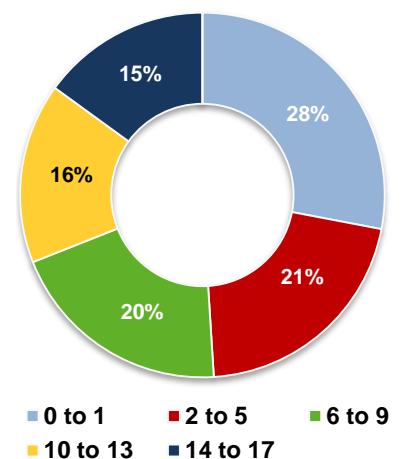
Of those children, 61 percent were white and 21 percent were black. Over two-thirds (69 percent) of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under 10 years of age.

The majority of victim children (55 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation among the 2,254 victim children, followed by allegations of physical abuse and sexual abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,591	71%
Physical Abuse	501	22%
Sexual Abuse	370	16%
Sexual Exploitation	12	<1%
Abandonment	10	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

Quick Facts

Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

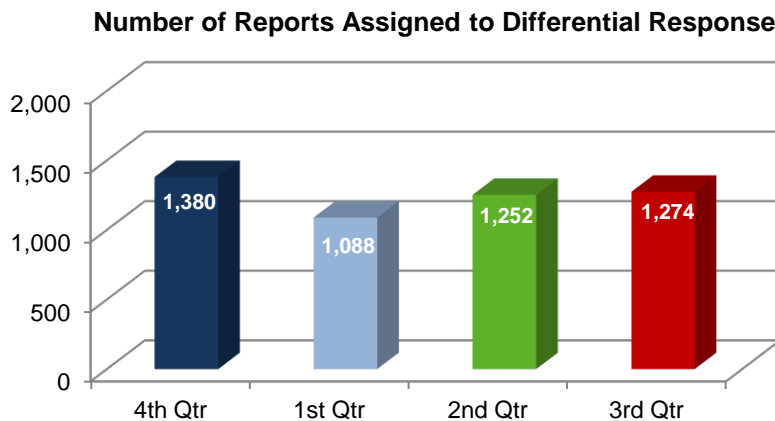
During the quarter, there were ten maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, five were found true, one was unsubstantiated, and four were still pending.

Over the same period there were two investigations of near fatalities; one was found true and the other was still pending.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	5	1
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Pending	4	1

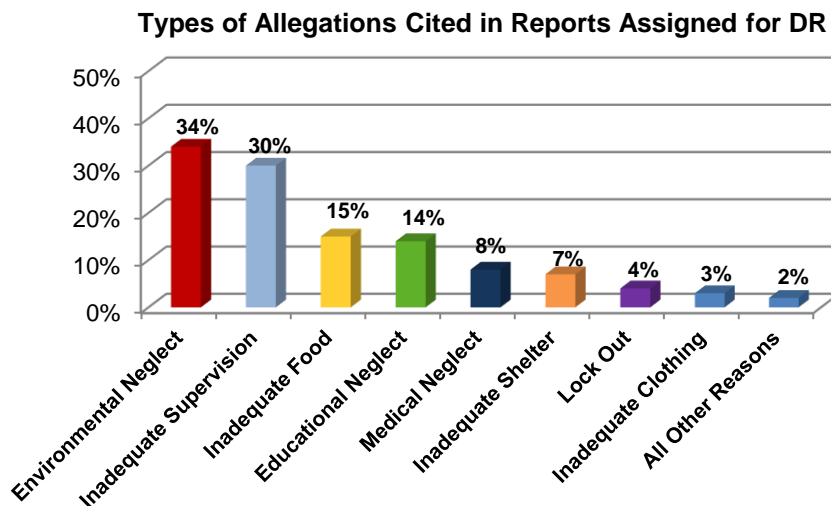
Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned for DR during the quarter (1,274) increased slightly over the previous quarter.



Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Environmental neglect was the most common allegation cited in reports assigned for DR, followed by inadequate supervision.



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Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

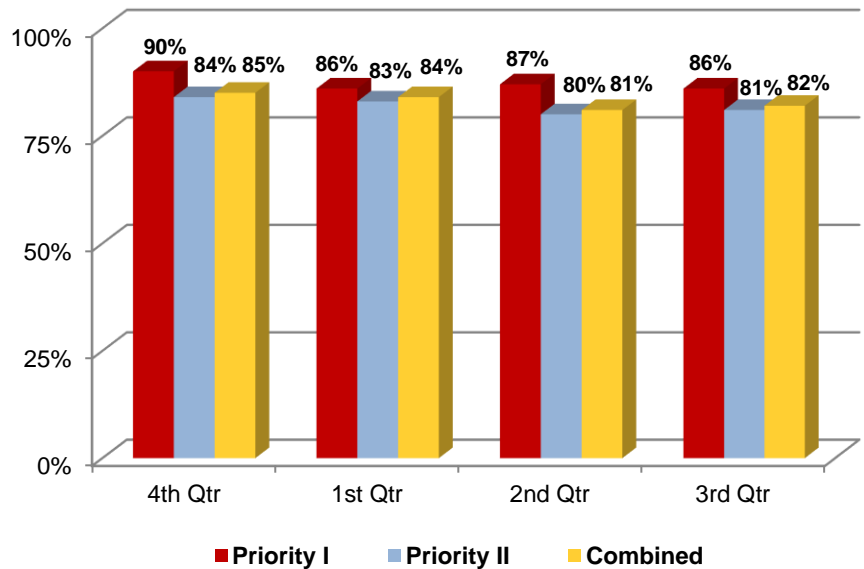
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 82 percent of its investigations on time during the third quarter, a slight increase over the previous quarter.

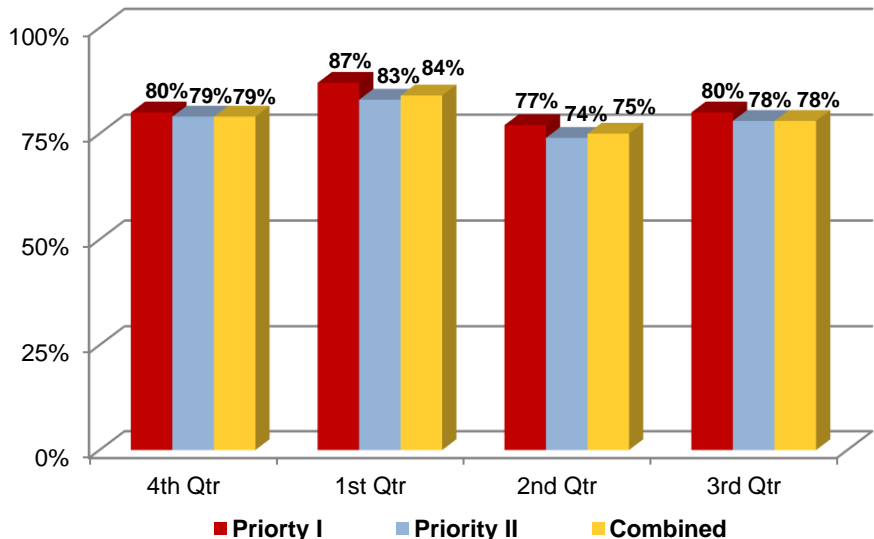
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 78 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter, an improvement over the previous quarter.

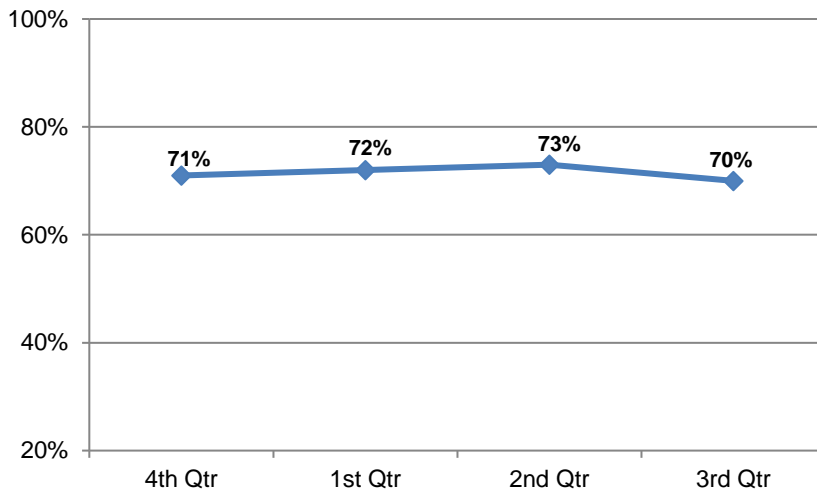
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

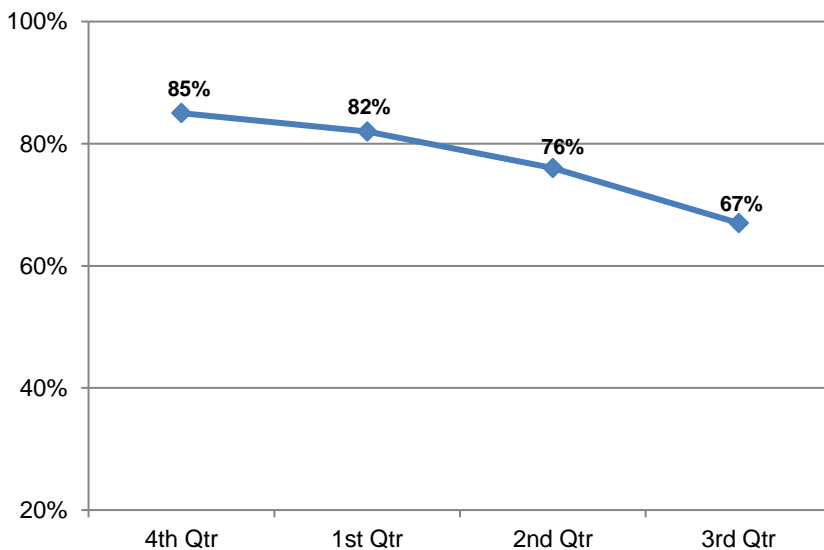


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 70 percent of its DR reports on time during the third quarter, a decrease from its performance during the previous quarter.

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



Reports assigned to DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

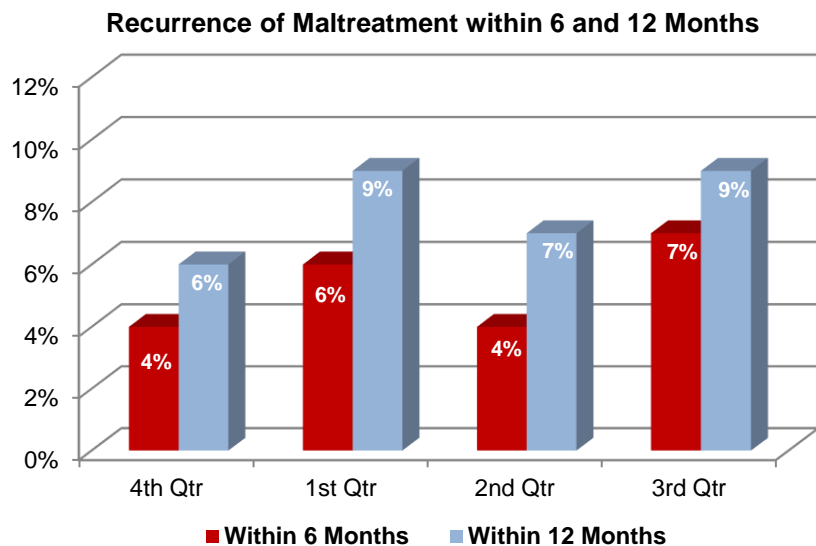
The Division closed 67 percent of DR reports on time during the quarter, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

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Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

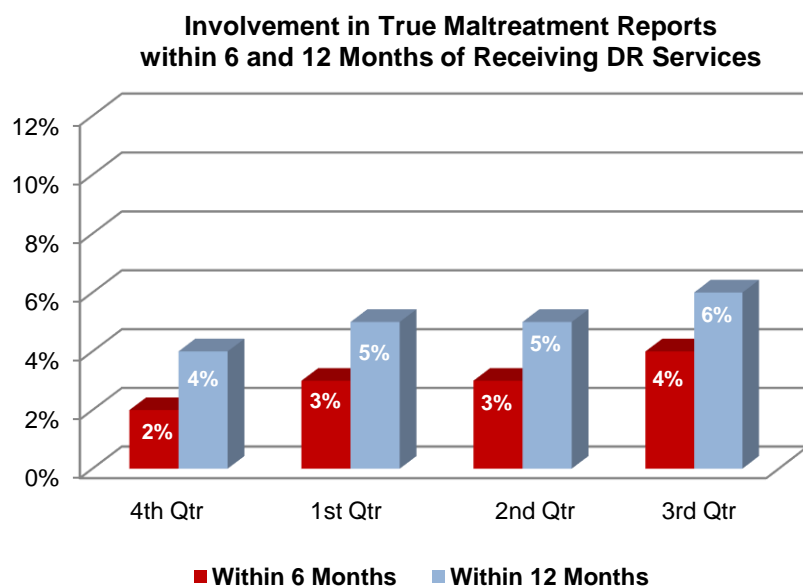
Nine percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the third quarter of SFY 2019 experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Seven percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.



The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families Who Received DR Services

Six percent of the children who began receiving DR services during the third quarter of SFY 2019 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and four percent were involved within six months.



In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

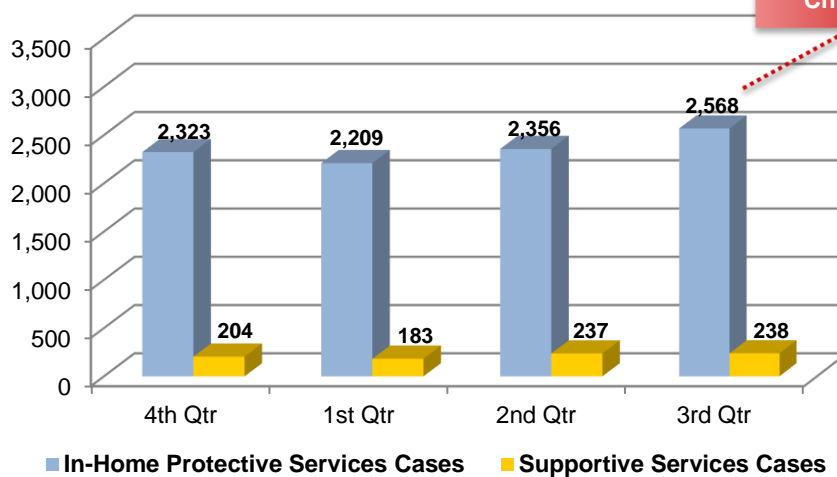
Volume of Cases

In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases increased by nine percent during the quarter. There were 2,568 protective services cases, involving 6,145 children, open across the state at the end of the quarter.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 238 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

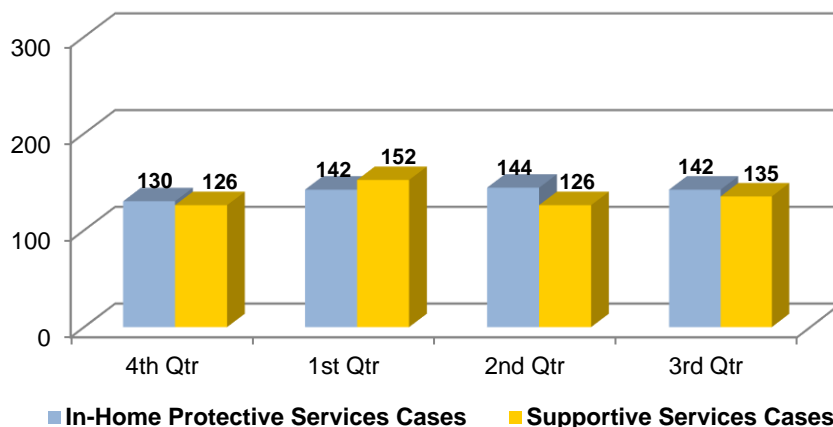
Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



Involving
6,145
Children

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

Average Number of Days Cases Have Been Open as of the End of Quarter



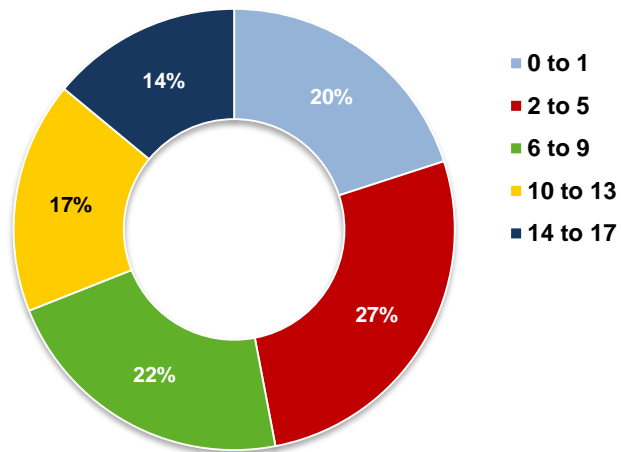
Both in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases that were open as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for approximately four and a half months. This was similar to the previous quarter.

Quick Facts

Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Almost half (47 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter were ages five or younger.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



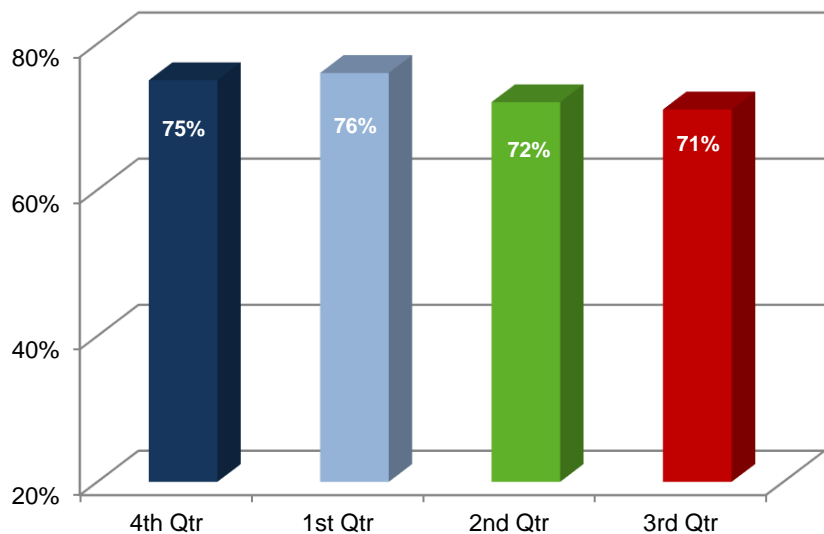
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 71 percent of the in-home protective services cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.

This is less than the in-home visitation rate observed in previous quarters. The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

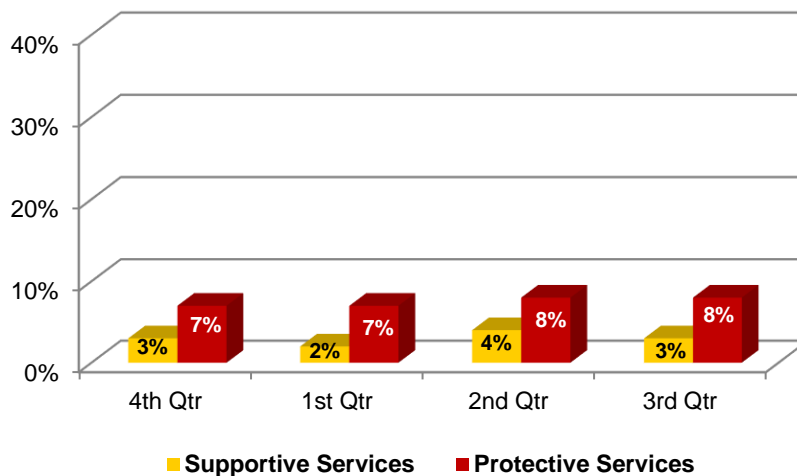


Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service

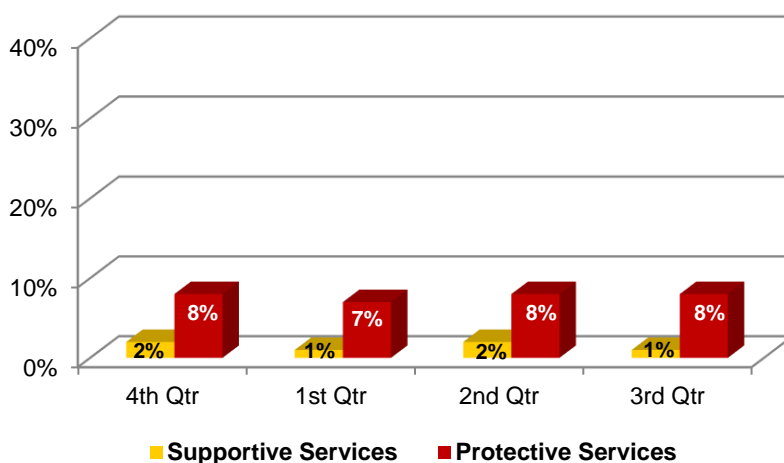


The percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has hovered between seven and eight percent over the last four quarters.

The rate of maltreatment for children involved through an in-home supportive services case has stayed between two and four percent over the same period.

Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive or Protective Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving protective services during the third quarter one year ago, eight percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

One percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevent the vast majority of children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year.

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Foster Care

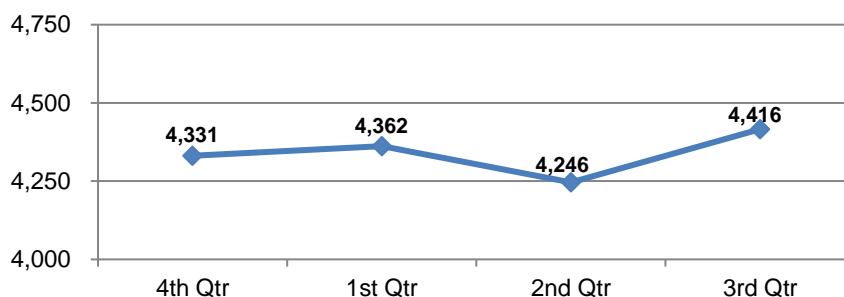
Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,416 children in foster care at the end of the third quarter of SFY 2020, a four percent increase from the previous quarter.

This increase was primarily attributed to the slowdown in discharges from foster care during March 2020 (see below).

Number of Children in Foster Care

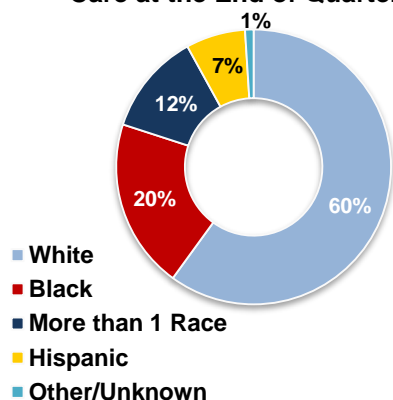


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

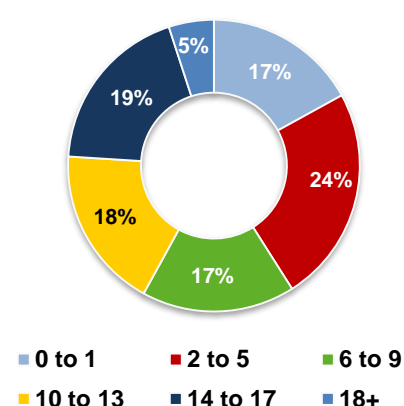
At the end of the quarter, children under ten years of age made up 58 percent of children in foster care. Sixty percent of those in care were white and 20 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Care at the End of Quarter



Ages of Children in Care at the End of the Quarter

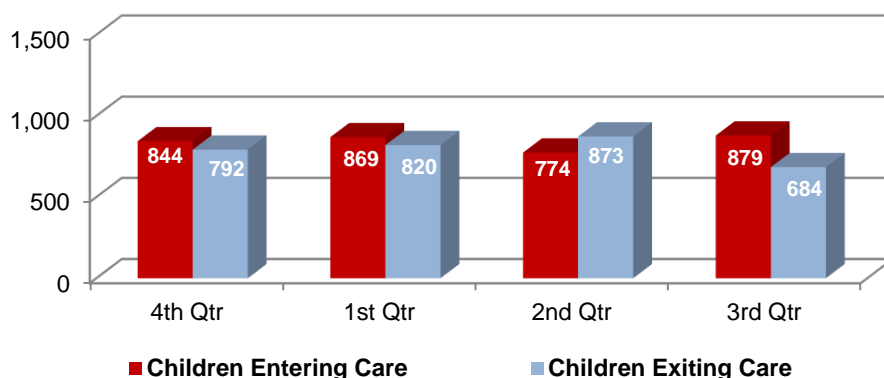


Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the third quarter of SFY 2020, far more children entered foster care than had exited.

Discharges from foster care were impacted, at least in part, by the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Children discharged at a rate of 8.5 per day through March 11, 2020, compared to just 4.3 per day afterwards.

Number of Admissions into and Discharges from Foster Care During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2020

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	492	56%
Substance Abuse	413 ¹	47%
Parent Incarceration	166	19%
Physical Abuse	134	15%
Inadequate Housing	87	10%
Caretaker Illness	53	6%
Sexual Abuse	51	6%
Child's Behavior	23	3%
Abandonment	21	2%
Truancy	15	2%
Child's Disability	10	1%
All Other Reasons	15	2%

A child may have more than one reason for entry.

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care during the third quarter, similar to the previous quarter.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2020

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	281	41%
Adoption	174	25%
Relative Custody	123	18%
Child Aged Out	51	8%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	21	3%
Non-Relative Custody	13	2%
Guardianship	11	2%
Custody Transfer to Another Agency	5	1%
All Other Reasons	5	1%

National data² indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (49%), adoption (25%), and guardianship (11%).

Forty-one percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, 25 percent were adopted, and 18 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Overall, 91 percent of the children exiting care in Arkansas achieved permanency either by returning home or via discharge to relatives, an adoptive home, or another permanent arrangement.

¹ These 413 cases of substance abuse include 360 instances of parental drug abuse, 41 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 10 instances of drug abuse by children, and 2 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2019).

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, the majority (54 percent) had been in care for less than 12 months.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care

3rd Quarter SFY 2020

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	284	6%	9%
1-3 Months	493	11%	15%
3-6 Months	592	13%	
6-12 Months	1,048	24%	19%
12-24 Months	1,003	23%	29%
24-36 Months	386	9%	15%
36+ Months	610	14%	13%
Total	4,416	100%	100%

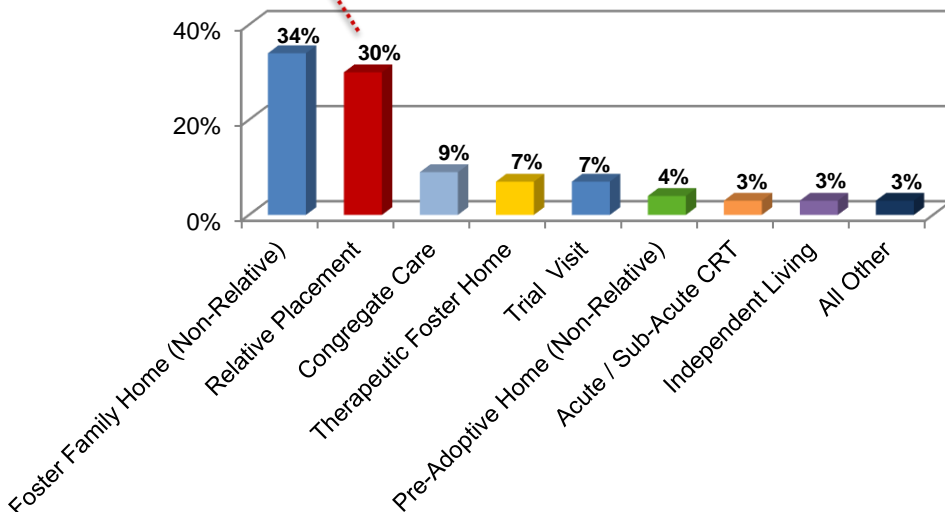
Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 82 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home).

Nine percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), residential treatment care or residential care only program, or emergency shelter.

Provisional (Rel/Fic): 15%
Foster Home (Rel/Fic): 13%
ICPC (Out of State): 2%
Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 0.2%
Other Relative: 0.1%

Placement of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter

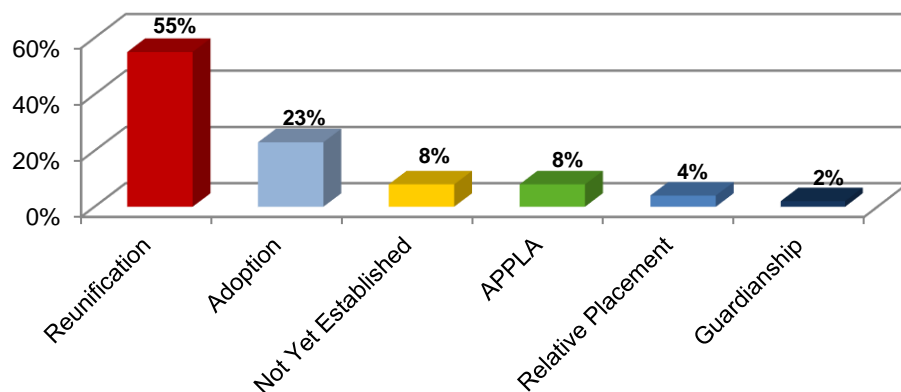


Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-five percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 23 percent had a goal of adoption.

These figures are similar to national data from the Children's Bureau as of October 2019, with averages of 56 percent for reunification and 27 percent for adoption.

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter



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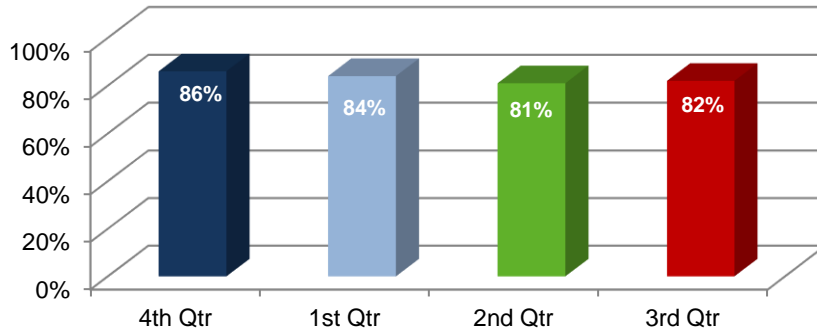
Monthly Visits to Foster Children

To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by a caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's goal is 85 percent.

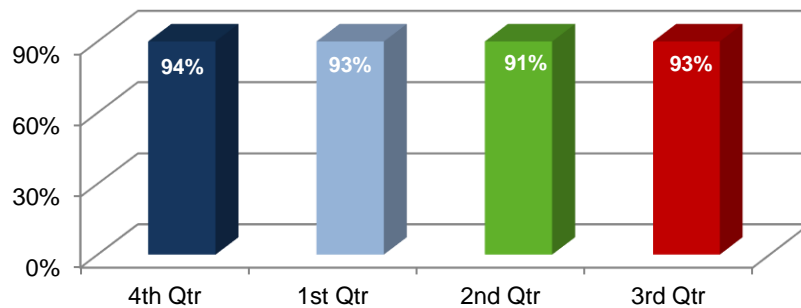
Eighty-two percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter. This was slightly higher than the visitation rate observed for the previous quarter.

Ninety-three percent of the foster children received a monthly face-to-face contact from any DCFS staff member, regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose.

Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Caseworkers

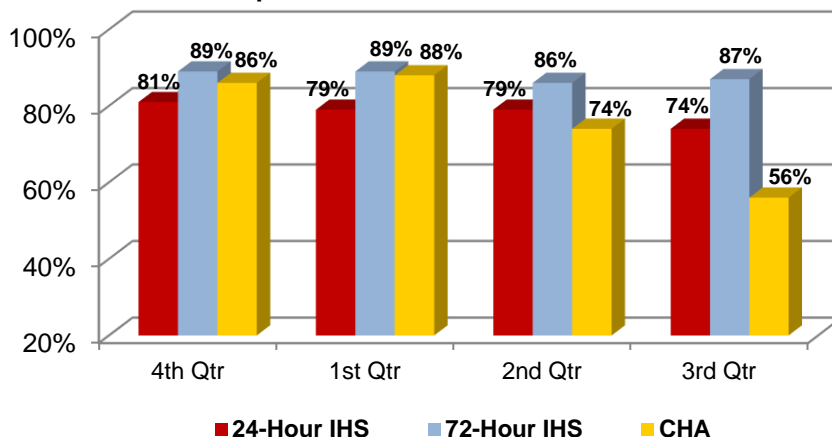


Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff



Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

24-Hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments



Depending on the severity of maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) on children within either 24 or 72 hours of entering care. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering care.

The rate at which children received timely CHAs declined during the latter part of the quarter. Less than one-third of those entering care after the emergency declaration on March 11, 2020, received a timely CHA.

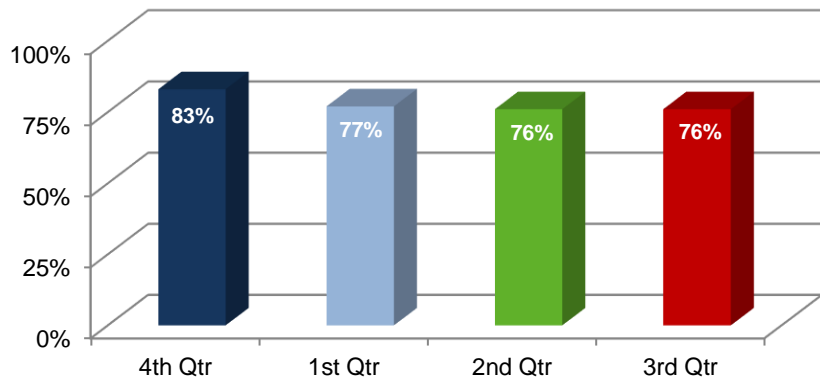
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Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 76 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 54 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.

Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together



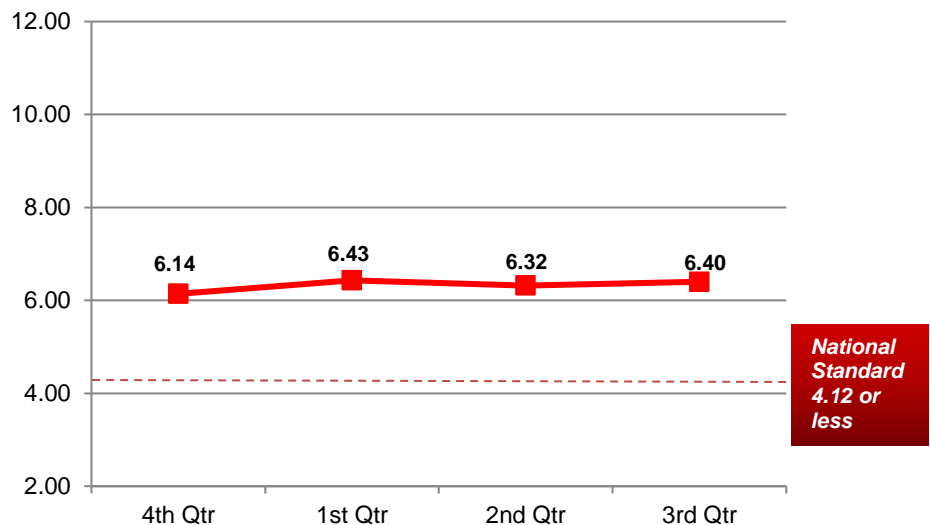
Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care for children who enter care over a 12-month period.

For the third quarter, the placement stability rate was 6.40. The national standard is 4.12.

The uptick in placement moves in recent quarters has stemmed, at least in part, by the recent implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018, which has restricted the utilization of certain placement types while promoting the use of other settings. The Division expects the rate of placement moves to decline in future quarters.

Rate of Placement Moves Per 1,000 Days in Foster Care

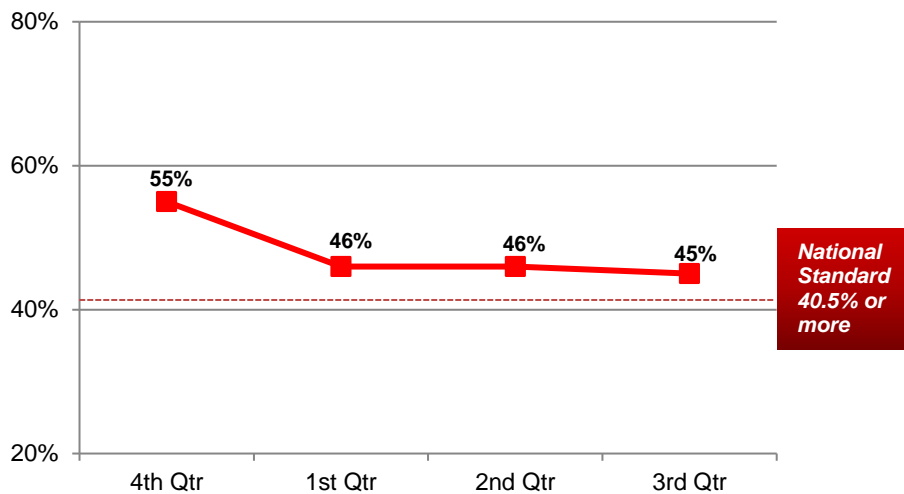


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Benefits to Children and Families

Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

Permanency within 12 Months
of Entering Foster Care

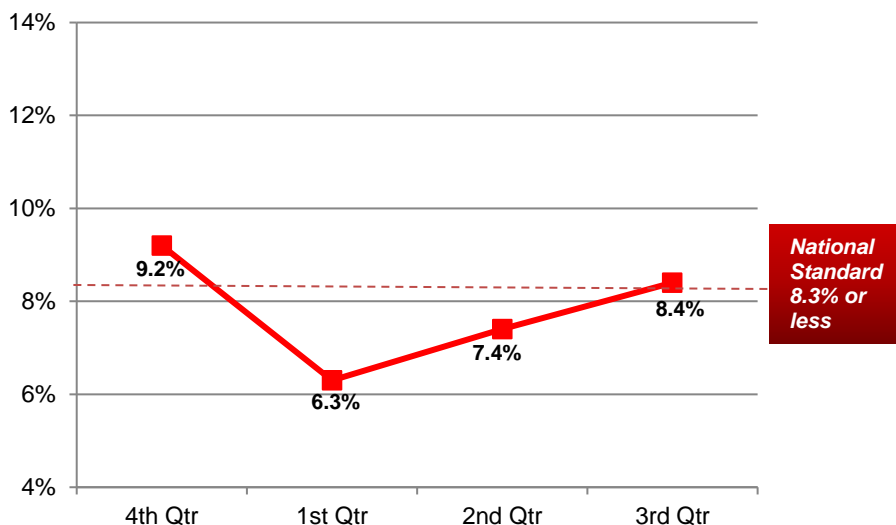


Arkansas consistently exceeds the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

Re-Entries Into Foster Care



Over eight percent of children who had reunited with their families re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge for the third quarter of SFY 2020, right on the brink of the national standard (8.3 percent).

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Adoption

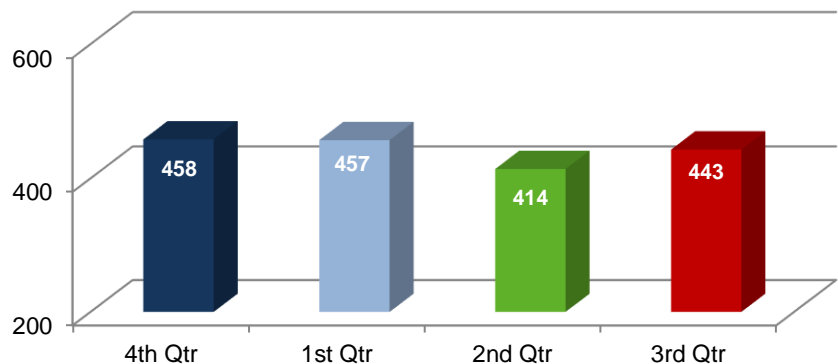
Volume and Description of Cases

Children Available for Adoption³

At the end of the third quarter, 443 children were available for adoption.

DCFS estimates that it has identified a possible pre-adoptive placement for approximately 20 percent of the children available for adoption.

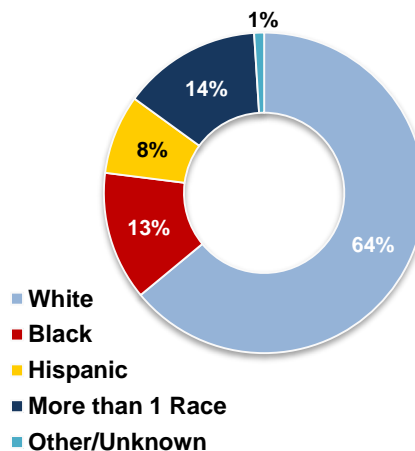
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



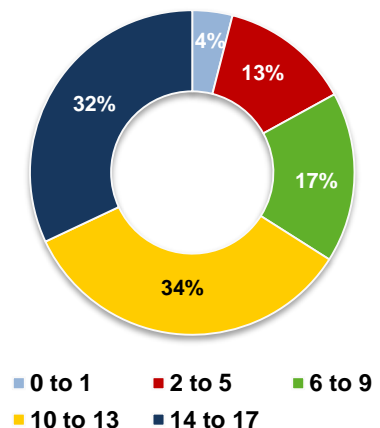
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 64 percent were white, 14 percent were multiracial, and 13 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up 66 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Ages of Children Available for Adoption

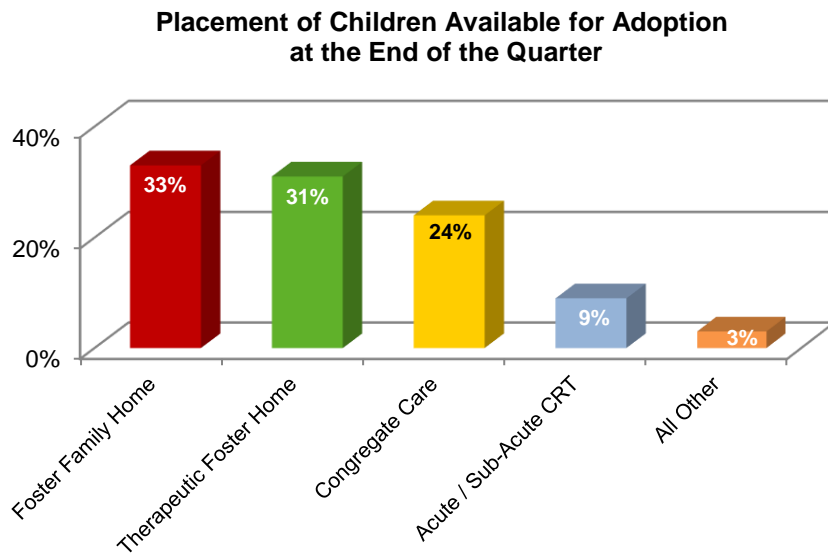


³ Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

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Placement of Children Available for Adoption

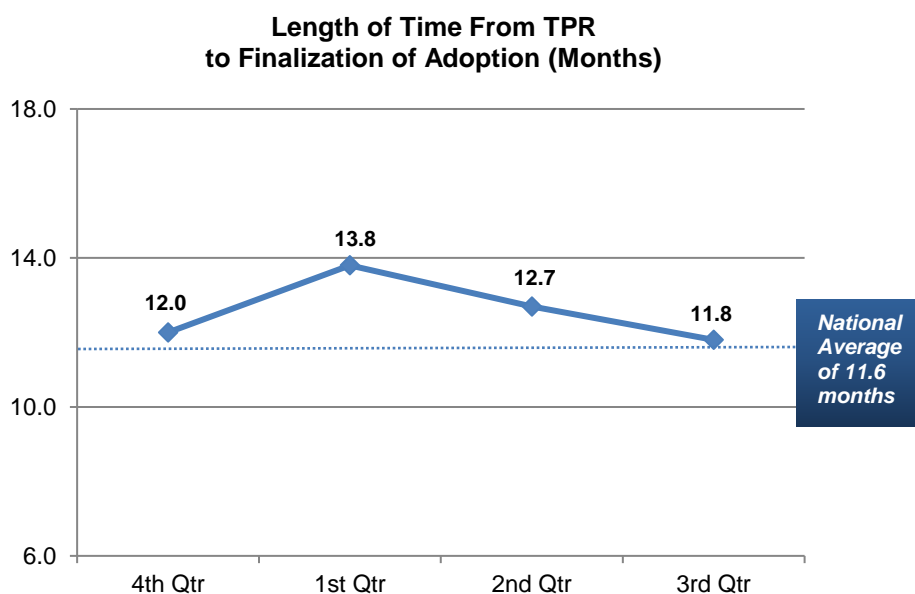
Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of the children available for adoption resided in either a foster family home or a therapeutic foster home at the end of the quarter.



Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption

Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 11.8 months during the quarter, just slightly longer than the national average of 11.6 months.



Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

One-hundred and seventy-two adoptions were finalized during the third quarter of SFY 2020.

Of those adoptions, 44 percent were finalized by relatives.

The number of adoptions was impacted, at least in part, by the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 2.1 adoptions were finalized per day through March 11, 2020, compared to 1.3 adoptions per day afterwards.

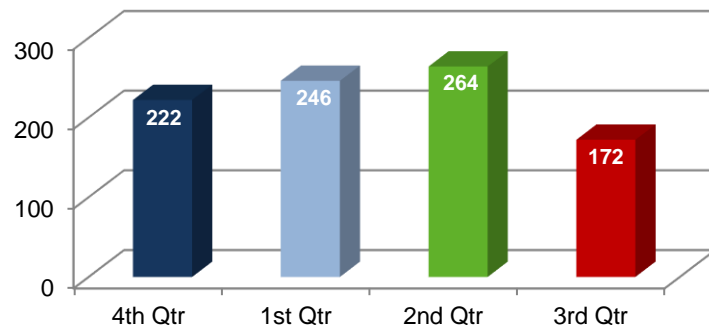
Children ages two to five made up the largest group (34 percent) among those adopted during the quarter, followed by those ages six to nine (21percent).

Subsidized Adoptions

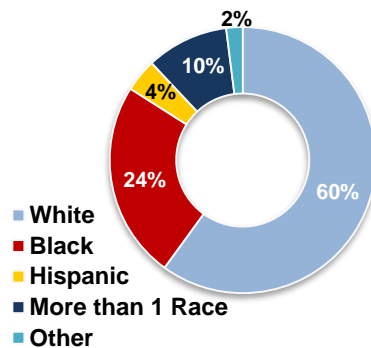
Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- Healthy child of color and at least two years of age
- Member of any sibling group placed together, sharing at least one biological parent, who develop a bond
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional

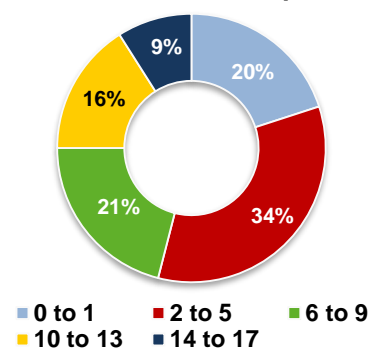
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



During the third quarter, **166** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 163 were federally funded subsidies and three were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **7,378** children received adoption subsidies.



Resources

Quick Facts

Caseworkers and Caseloads

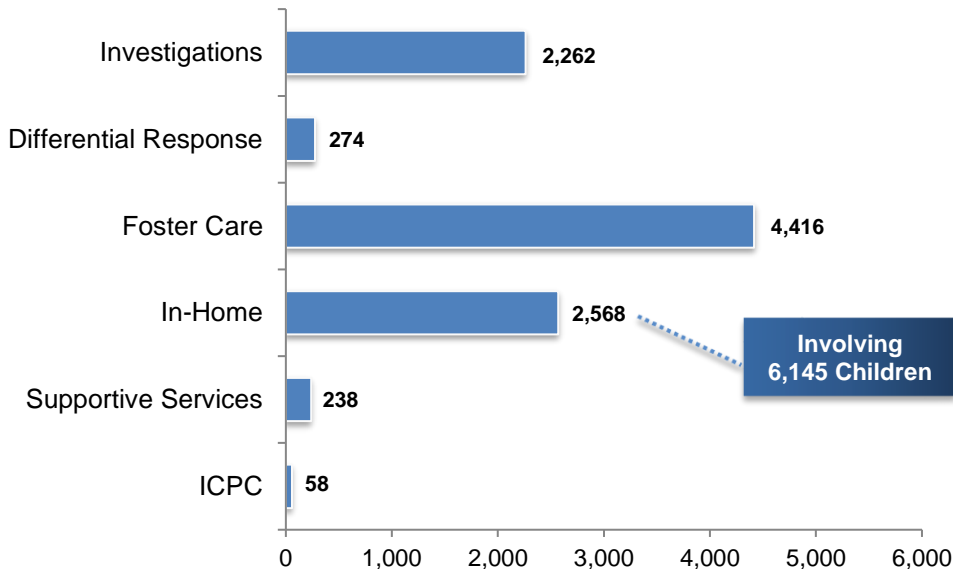
Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

At the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,262 investigations of child maltreatment and 274 DR cases;
- 4,416 foster care cases;
- 2,568 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,145 children;
- 238 supportive services cases and 58 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 468 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



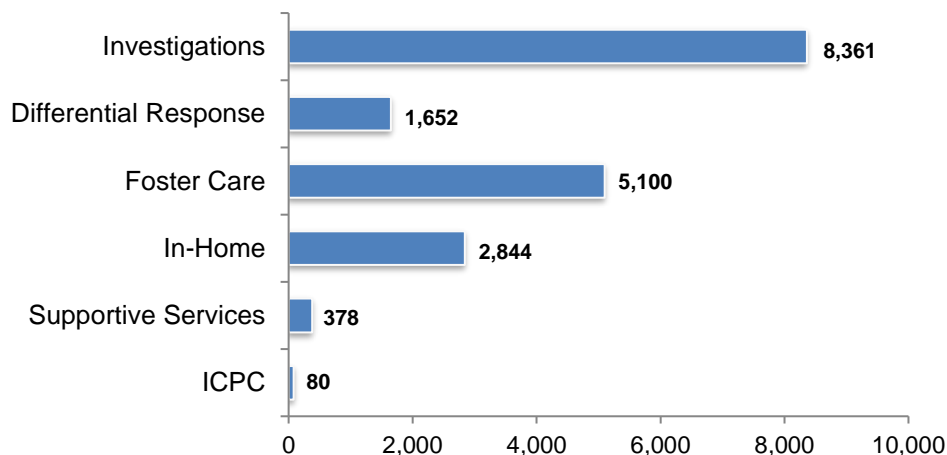
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

This figure illustrates the number of cases that cycled through the system anytime during the quarter (as opposed to those open at the end of the quarter, described above).

The Division oversaw 8,361 investigations, 1,652 DR cases, 5,100 children in foster care, 2,844 in-home protective services cases, 378 supportive services cases, and 80 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at just over 20 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. The Division's goal is 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of March 2020 is presented in Appendix B.

Foster Homes

Foster Homes and Beds

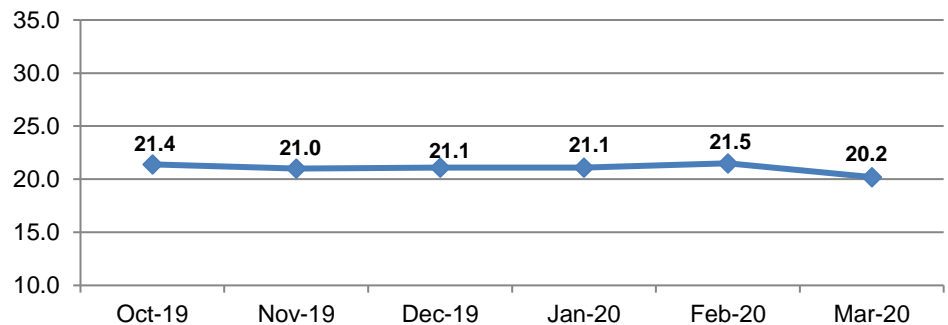
There were 1,505 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the third quarter, providing a total of 3,327 available beds.

The number of available beds decreased from the previous quarter.

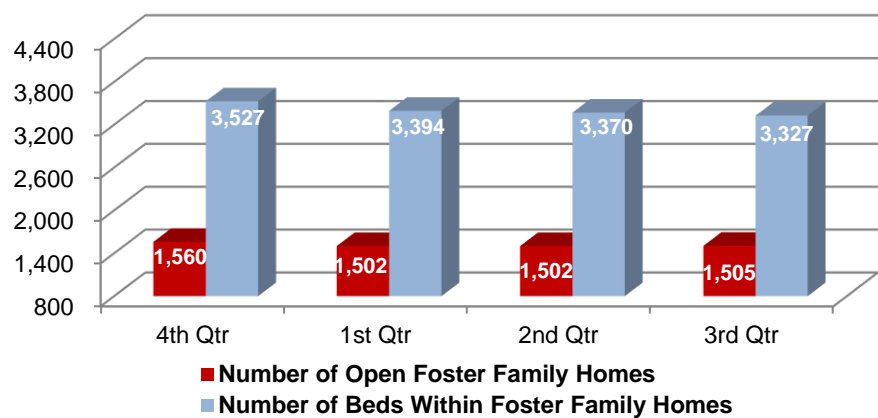
During the most recent quarter, 255 new foster homes were opened and 244 were closed, for a net gain of 11 homes.

Appendix C displays the closure reasons for the foster homes that closed during the quarter.

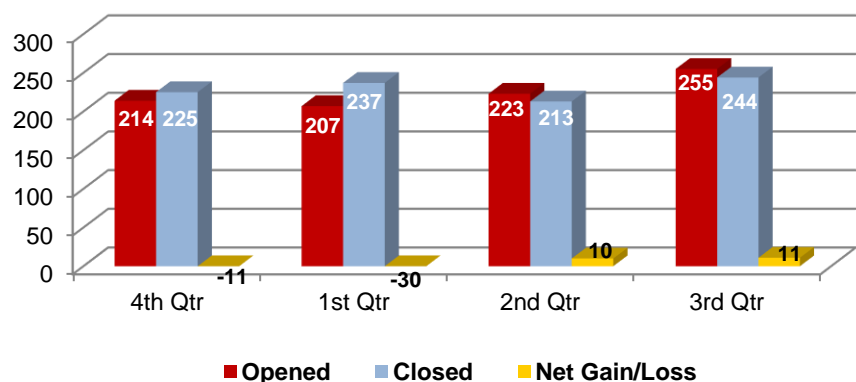
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



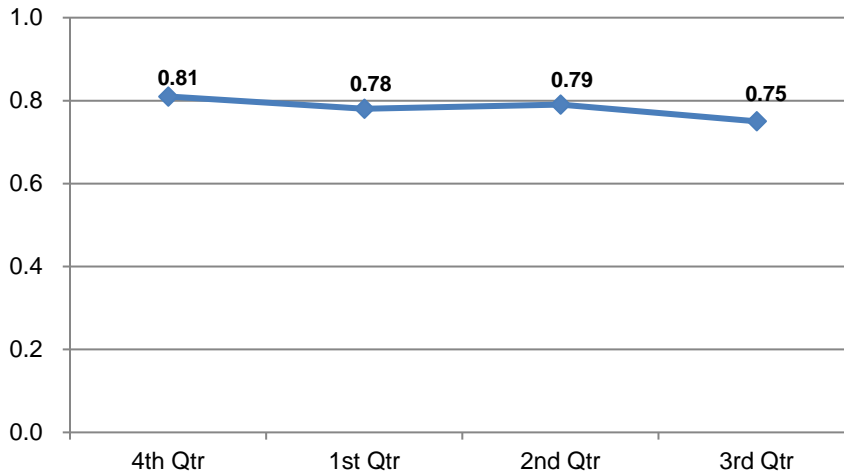
Number of Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Home Bed to Foster Child Ratio

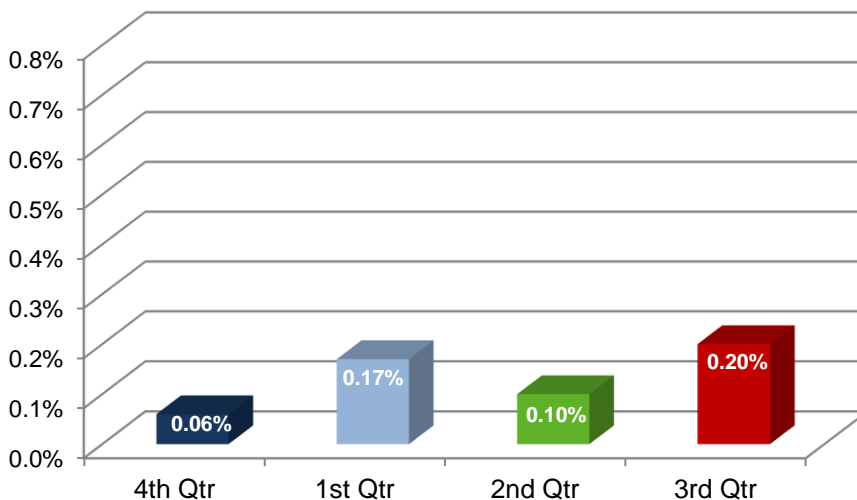


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.75 at the end of the quarter, slightly lower than the ratio observed in recent quarters.

The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Four reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 1,965 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.20 percent.

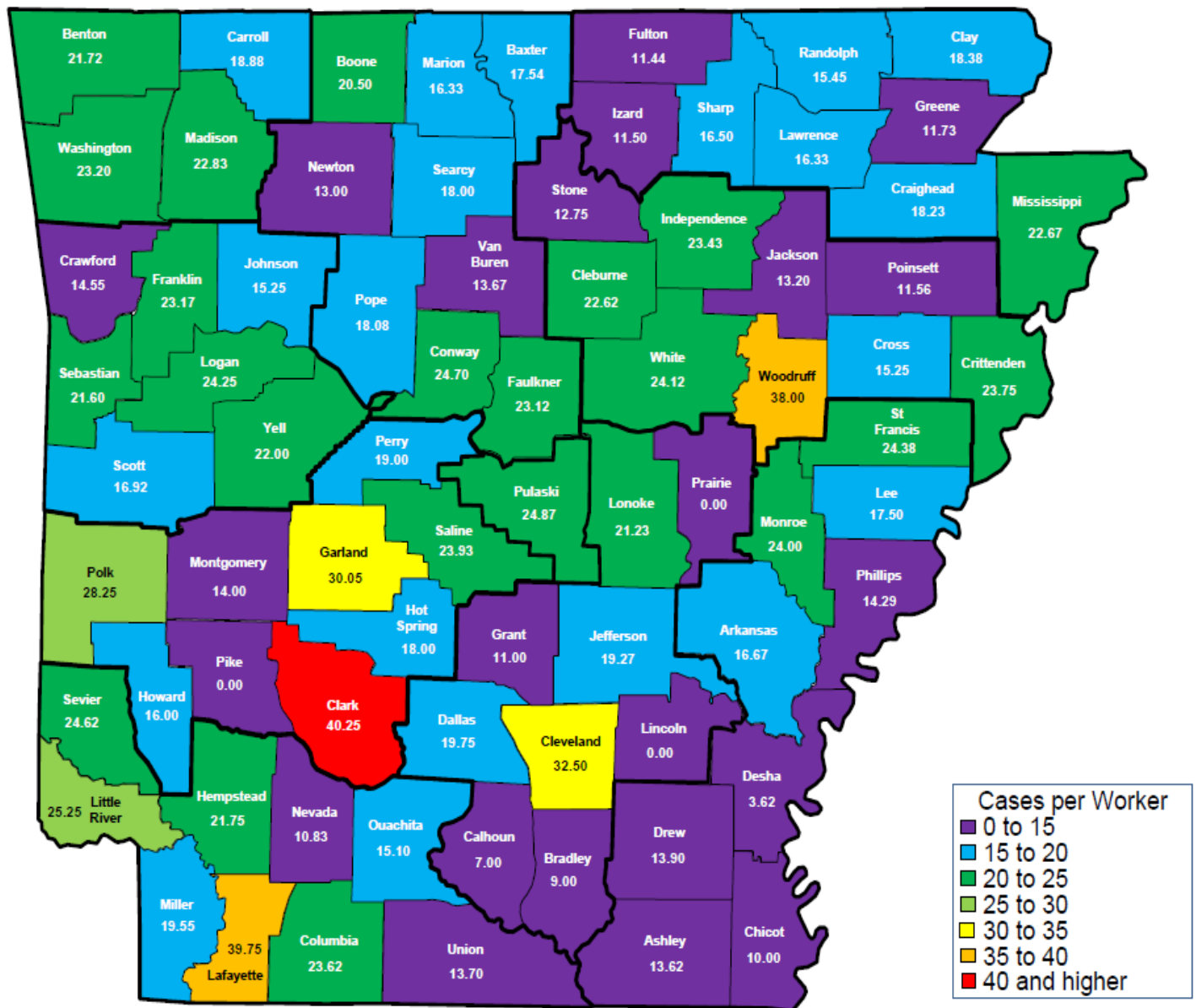
Appendix D provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations⁴

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Fourth Quarter 2019	1,692	5,911 <i>5,881 Closed</i>	1,238	21%	1,391 <i>1,325 Closed</i>	444	34%
First Quarter 2020	1,014	4,920 <i>4,855 Closed</i>	1,142	24%	1,307 <i>1,228 Closed</i>	434	35%
Second Quarter 2020	1,295	6,397 <i>6,308 Closed</i>	1,353	21%	1,574 <i>1,478 Closed</i>	469	32%
Third Quarter 2020	1,301	5,718 <i>5,702 Closed</i>	1,225	21%	1,445 <i>1,417 Closed</i>	444	31%

⁴ The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the third quarter refers to 11/1/2019 through 1/31/2020); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report, which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

Appendix B: Average Caseload as of March 31, 2020, by County



Lincoln, Pike and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter; its cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

Appendix C: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	2	10	6	1	0	0	2	21
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	11
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	8
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1	14	3	5	0	0	2	25
2	Yell (Danville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	7
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	0	11	2	3	0	0	0	16
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	10
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (East)	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	5
6	Pulaski (North)	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	9
6	Pulaski (South)	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	10
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	8
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Coming)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1	7	1	3	0	0	2	14
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	5
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	8
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
9	White (Searcy)	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	6
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
99	Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		12	128	38	44	2	2	18	244

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	25
	Custody/Guardianship	19
Change in Family Circumstances	Personal Issues	5
	Moved	4
	Divorce	1
	Health of Parent	1
	Pregnant	1
	Provider Request	105
Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only	15
	Taking a Break	7
	Provider Became Therapeutic Foster Home	1
	True Maltreatment	2
Founded Abuse / Neglect	DHS Request	33
No Longer Meets Requirements	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	4
	Not taking Children when Contacted	1
	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	18
Other	Contract Ended	1
	Duplicate	1

Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 3rd Quarter SFY 2020

One-hundred and fifty-two reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 160 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the third quarter of SFY 2020.

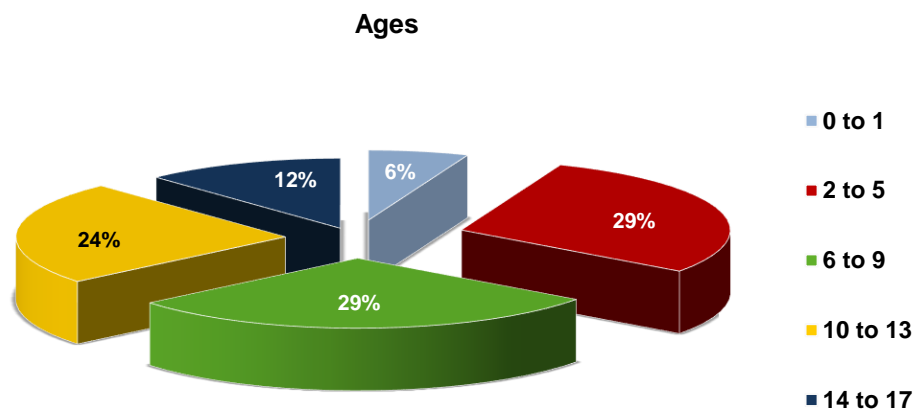
In 29 reports involving 34 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, four of those reports was found to be true and those four homes were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
3rd Quarter SFY 2020**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
4	25	0

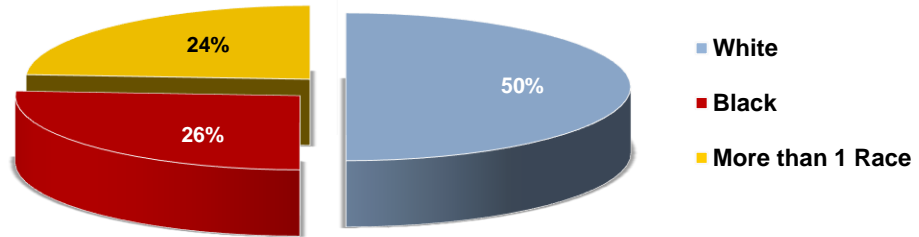
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 34 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

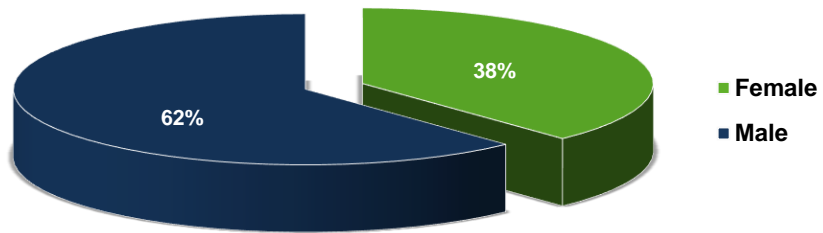


⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes.

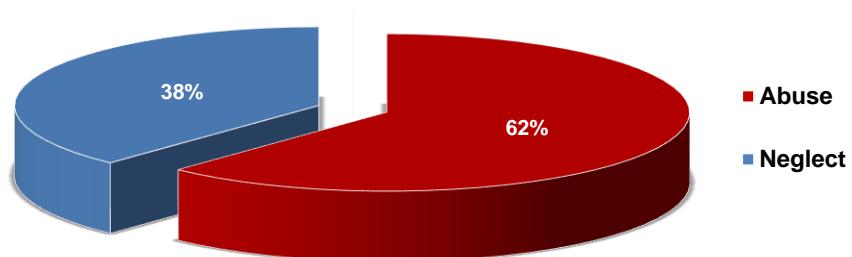
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



Location of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)
Pulaski	5	Cross	1
Saline	5	Faulkner	1
Logan	4	Garland	1
Benton	3	Lonoke	1
Sebastian	3	Pike	1
Crittenden	2	St. Francis	1
Conway	1	Union	1
Craighead	1	Van Buren	1
Crawford	1	White	1